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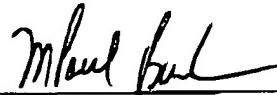
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Sir:

SUBMISSION OF PTO FORM 1449

The present application claims the benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of prior U.S. application Serial No. 08/197,791 (the '791 application), which is now U.S. Patent No. 5,556,772 (the '772 patent). Although the present application was named a divisional application of the '791 application when it was filed, it is actually a continuation application, since the presently pending claims are directed to the same group of claims as those in the '791 application, namely kits and methods of amplifying. In fact, applicants filed a terminal disclaimer in the present application in view of the '772 patent, and amended the first sentence of the specification on December 2, 1996, to reflect the continuation relationship.

Since the present application is a continuation application, under M.P.E.P. 609, applicants understand that Examiner Campbell has considered the information submitted in the '791 application (the '772 patent). Under M.P.E.P. 609, applicants

submit a PTO Form 1449 which cites the information of record in the '791 application, so that information will be printed on the face of the patent issuing from the present application. Since the Examiner has already considered this information, applicants request that the Examiner now initial the enclosed PTO form so that this information will be printed on the face of the patent.

If any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this response, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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